

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 504
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Lee "Bob" Tallent
of Vonore.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Robert Lee "Bob" Tallent; and

WHEREAS, Bob Tallent was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a member of one of Monroe County's most revered political families, Mr. Tallent served as Mayor of Madisonville for ten years, from 1980 to 1990; during his esteemed tenure as Mayor, he worked assiduously to upgrade recreational facilities in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tallent then served a term on the County Commission from 1990 to 1994, in which position he played an instrumental role in the establishment of the 911 system and devoted much of his time and interest to the industrial park in Vonore and the new high schools; and

WHEREAS, a retired pharmacist, Bob Tallent occasionally filled in at the pharmacy at Athens Community Hospital, where he once served as director; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his mayoral terms and service on the County Commission, Bob Tallent also served on the Vonore Planning Commission, was a former President of the Madisonville and Jefferson City Jaycees, and was a member of the Tellico Masonic Lodge # 80 and the Noble of Kerbala Shrine Temple, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual man, Bob Tallent was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tallent was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bob Tallent enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 43 years, Kay Sexton Tallent, and was the proud father of Mike Tallent, Rodney Tallent and his wife, Jackie, and Bobby Tallent and his fiancée, Amy Strong; and

WHEREAS, he will also certainly be missed by his grandchildren, Gordon and Robert Tallent, his sister, Nancy Calhoun, his brother, Tom Tallent, and his several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tallent leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert Lee "Bob" Tallent, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to public service and the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Bob Tallent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.